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3313	4/27/49	Washington Field Office letter to Director	1	yes	
3314	4/28/49	Report of Special Agent Jones	5	yes	
3315	4/29/49	Report of Special Agent Fletcher	3	yes	
3316	4/26/49	Report of Special Agent Barton	4	yes	
3317	5/2/49	Memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
3318	4/28/49	Director letter to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
3319	4/28/49	Denver letter to Baltimore	1	no	released in full
3320	4/28/49	Washington Field Office letter to Director	1	yes	
3321	4/29/49	Washington Field Office letter to Director	1	yes	
3322	4/29/49	Report of Special Agent Fletcher	2	yes	
3323	5/2/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
3324	4/28/49	Memo to New York from Donegan (Assistant Attorney General)	1	no	refer to DOJ

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3325	4/27/49	Memo of Special Agent Heiner	1	no	released in full
3326	4/28/49	Report of Special Agent Kirkland	9	yes	
3327	5/2/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
3328	5/3/49	Memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
3329	4/29/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
3330	5/2/49	Letter to Albany from Director	1	yes	
3331	5/3/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
3332	5/3/49	New York letter to Director	1	yes	
3333	5/2/49	Report of Special Agent Allen	3	yes	
3334	5/3/49	Washington Field Office letter to Director	3	yes	
3335	5/3/49	San Francisco letter to Director	1	yes	
3336	4/14/49	Los Angeles letter to Director	1	yes	

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3337	5/5/49	New York letter to Director	1	yes	
3338	5/6/49	Boston teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
3339	5/5/49	Washington Field Office letter to Director	1	yes	
3340	5/3/49	Director letter to New York	1	yes	
3341	5/6/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
3342	4/28/49	Report of Dodge	10	yes	
3343	5/9/49	Letter to New York from Donegan (Assistant Attorney General)	1	no	referred to DOJ
3344	5/9/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
3345	5/9/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
3346	5/6/49	Baltimore letter to Director	1	yes	
3347	5/9/49	New York letter to Director	1	yes	
3348	5/6/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Baltimore	1	yes	

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3349	5/6/49	Boston letter to Director	2	yes	
3350	5/10/49	Memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	2	no	released in full
3351	5/10/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
3352	5/10/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Baltimore	1	yes	
3353	5/10/49	New York letter to Director	1	yes	
3354	5/10/49	New York letter to Director	1	yes	
3355	5/10/49	New York letter to Washington Field Office	1	no	released in full
3356	5/9/49	Report of Special Agent Kelly	63	yes	
3357	5/11/49	Report of Special Agent Spencer	254	yes	



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May 2, 1949

MEMO:

RE: JAHAM

At 11:10 A.M. on May 2nd, I spoke with Mr. Leo Laughlin at the Bureau and advised him that at Court this morning Mr. T. J. Donegan advised the Court, when the case was called for trial, that Assistant United States Attorney Murphy had been ill as a result of an operation and, therefore, would like to have the case set over to May 23rd. There was no objection from the defense and the case was so set.

A. H. BEDFORD  
ASAC

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SAC, Baltimore

April 28, 1949

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JAHAM

PERJURY; ESPIONAGE (R);

INTERNAL SECURITY (R)

Reurlet 3-30-49.

FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO has been on an extended visit to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to visit his younger brother and recently returned to Colorado.

RENO was interviewed at the farm of his brother PHILIP, which is located on West 50th Avenue a block off Gravel Spur road. This location is about four miles northeast of Golden, Colorado.

FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO advised that he would appreciate having his personal papers sent to him in care of his mother, MRS. EVELYN RENO, 4428 South Bannock St., Englewood, Colorado. RENO stated that it is immaterial to him how the papers are shipped, but suggested Railway Express or Parcel Post C.O.D. He also stated that it would not be necessary to insure the package of packages.

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cc: New York (65-14920)

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FBI - NEW YORK
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*For*  
*off Kelly*

New York, N.Y.  
April 27, 1949

MEMO

RE: CPUSA-BRIEF,  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

On April 22, 1949 CHARLES W. NICODEMUS, after completing his testimony in the trial of the CP leaders, was shown a photograph of FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO. NICODEMUS immediately identified the picture as JAMES CLARK, "the fellow who took me into the Party in 1937". NICODEMUS stated that he did not know CLARK by the name FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO.

CHARLES F. HEINER,  
SA

cc: 65-14920 (JAHAM) ✓  
Asst. Dir. R. J. Connelley

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May 3, 1949

MEMO:

RE: JAHAM

On the afternoon of May 2, 1949, Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau referred to our teletype of April 26, 1949, stating that Mr. Donegan had not yet determined when and if HELEN RINGE would be brought before the Grand Jury. Mr. Fletcher advised that it might be well to again speak to Mr. Donegan concerning this inasmuch as HELEN RINGE raised such a fuss on the West Coast when she was contacted by Agents and as she drew in a representative of the American Civil Liberties Union. Mr. Fletcher thought it might be a good idea, for record purposes, to get her before the Grand Jury.

Relative to CHAMBERS' signing the statement he has furnished to the Agents, Mr. Fletcher advised that it was satisfactory to hold off on the signature of the statement by CHAMBERS until such time as the trial is over with the understanding, of course, that he would sign it at that time.

On the afternoon of May 2, 1949, I spoke to Mr. Donegan advising him of our thoughts in the matter of bringing HELEN RINGE before the Grand Jury. He advised that it is his full intention to bring her before the Grand Jury but he wants to do so at such time as he can handle her rather than Mr. Matlack. Because of the scheduled appearance of certain Congressmen before the Grand Jury and the imminent Hiss trial, he is not sure that he can arrange this in the immediate future. However, he will bear it in mind and stated that he definitely will bring her before the Grand Jury.

I mentioned to Mr. Donegan that we were in accord with his desire to hold off on CHAMBERS' signature of his statement until after the trial with the understanding that he would sign it after the trial.

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A. H. BELMONT

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New York, New York

May 10, 1949

MEMO

RE: PAUL CROUCH  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

The above individual is the subject of considerable publicity at this time as a result of his appearance before the HCUA where allegedly he has furnished information concerning the disappearance of JULIA POYNTZ, the mysterious scientist X who is under investigation by the House Committee and other matters pertaining to Russian espionage.

On the afternoon of May 10, 1949, I spoke to Assistant Director D. M. Ladd to advise him that Mr. T. J. Donegan had received a call from Mr. Campbell of the Department instructing that a subpoena be issued for CROUCH to appear before the Federal Grand Jury hearing espionage matters in New York City. As a result, the Grand Jury considered this matter and the subpoena was issued, instructing that CROUCH appear before the GJ next Tuesday, May 17th. Mr. Donegan subsequently received a call from Mr. Campbell to the effect that the HCUA and the Attorney General and himself had held a conference and that it would not be necessary to subpoena CROUCH. However, Donegan had already issued the subpoena and he told Mr. Campbell that it would be necessary to go through with the subpoena which will be served by the Marshal on CROUCH in Miami.

Mr. Ladd advised that the Department had requested that the Bureau have an agent brief Mr. Donegan on the information the Bureau has concerning CROUCH in order that Donegan will be prepared to handle CROUCH before the GJ.

It is noted that CROUCH has been a confidential informant of the Miami office for some time and has been repeatedly interviewed by that office. He furnished considerable information concerning Communist activities and furnished comments on Communist leaders known to him. In addition, he was interviewed by AUSA Frank Gordon and Larry Bailey on November 30, 1948 in New York City in the presence of SA Chester Reilly for the purpose of considering him as a possible witness at the trial of the Communist Party leaders. The results of this interview were furnished to the Bureau by this office. Subsequently, on April 7, 1949, Mr. McGohey advised that he was not going to use CROUCH as a witness because the information he possessed was too remote as it dealt back in the 1930's. The Bureau was advised of this by teletype.

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It was further noted in the JAHAM case that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS mentioned the name of CROUCH and this office requested Miami to interview CROUCH concerning his knowledge of espionage activities.

I spoke to Mr. T. J. Donegan concerning CROUCH and he advised that he was not interested in the Communist information furnished by CROUCH but was interested in any information CROUCH furnished on espionage activities. Mr. Donegan pointed out that the report from Miami reflecting the interview with CROUCH on espionage activities was very short and in fact the interview was practically negative. He pointed out that it might be desirable for the Miami office to again interview CROUCH concerning his knowledge of espionage activities in view of the current publicity. In this respect, it is noted that this office did not receive any information from Miami reflecting that CROUCH had furnished information re JULIA POYNTZ or other espionage activities.

The files of this office should be checked by an agent for all information concerning PAUL CROUCH, with particular reference to any information furnished by CROUCH on espionage activities or any participation by CROUCH in espionage activities. It is suggested that the agent so assigned also discuss this with Section #7 in order that a brief statement can be included concerning the Communist information furnished by CROUCH to the Bureau. A memorandum should be drawn up which can be furnished to Mr. Donegan giving him the above information on CROUCH. In the event it appears that CROUCH has not given full information to the Bureau, the Bureau should be consulted as to the desirability of having CROUCH immediately interviewed by Miami agents to furnish any additional information in his possession.

A. H. BELMONT  
ASAC

SAC, Washington Field

May 10, 1949

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SAC, New York

JAHAM  
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

During a recent conference with Special Assistant to the Attorney General THOMAS J. D'NEGAN and Assistant United States Attorney, THOMAS F. MURPHY, Southern District of New York, relative to the prosecution of ALGER HISS on the Perjury indictment, the trial of which is scheduled to commence May 23, 1949, these gentlemen have expressed a desire to confer with HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH in advance of the trial.

In order that they may be advised accurately as to the present whereabouts of WADLEIGH, it is requested that it be determined in the immediate future if WADLEIGH'S address continues to be Post Office Box No. 297, Route No. 3, Vienna, Virginia.

It is also requested that it be determined if Miss EUNICE A. LINCOLN continues to reside at 1028 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, D. C., and is presently in that city.

Please airtel.

TGS:EAR  
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